

## Claims

1. A tube (30) for a microscope (1) with an  
5 objective defining an objective optical path (5), the  
tube (30) defining a tube optical path (16), a  
binocular head (20) provided at the tube (30) defining  
an ocular optical path (21), a deflection element being  
provided in the tube optical path (16), whereby a  
10 deflection mirror (18) is provided behind the objective  
optical path (5), when viewed from the user's (17)  
position,

characterized in that a single tube-  
lens system (11) is positioned in the tube optical path  
15 (16) and in that a modification to the inclination of  
the ocular optical path (21) in relation to the  
horizontal (H) by a value  $\alpha$  causes the position of the  
deflection mirror (18) to be modified by an angle  $\alpha/2$ .

20 2. The tube as claimed in claim 1, characterized  
in that the single tube-lens system (11) is positioned  
at the microscope (1) in the region of a connection  
element (8) in front of the deflection element (15).

25 3. The tube as claimed in claim 1 or 2,  
characterized in that the binocular head (20) has two  
eyepieces (13), in that an intermediate image (12) is  
created in each of the eyepieces (13) and in that the  
distance from a lens vertex (39) of the single tube-  
30 lens system (11) to the intermediate image (12) is not  
greater than 1.25 times the focal distance of the tube-  
lens system (11).

4. The tube as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3,  
35 characterized in that the deflection mirror (18) and  
the binocular head (20) are pivotably embodied and that  
the pivoting movement thereof is constrainedly coupled.

5. The tube as claimed in claim 4, characterized  
in that the constrained coupling between the deflection  
mirror (18) and the binocular head (20) is embodied so  
that the deflection mirror (18) pivots by an angle  
5 value  $\alpha/2$  when the binocular head (20) is pivoted by  
the value  $\alpha$ .

6. The tube as claimed in claim 5, characterized  
in that the deflection mirror defines a pivot axis that  
10 runs in the middle of the reflecting surface of the  
deflection mirror.

7. The tube as claimed in one of claims 4 to 6,  
characterized in that the binocular head (20) has an  
15 adjustable range of the angle  $\alpha$  between the horizontal  
and the ocular optical path of slightly over  $0^\circ$  and  
 $32.5^\circ$ .

8. The tube as claimed in claim 7, characterized  
20 in that the adjustable range of the angle  $\alpha$  preferably  
lies between  $7.5^\circ$  and  $32.5^\circ$ .

9. The tube as claimed in one of claims 1 to 3,  
characterized in that the deflection mirror and the  
25 binocular head (20) are fixedly and unchangeably  
positioned.

10. The tube as claimed in claim 9, characterized  
in that the deflection mirror (18) and the binocular  
30 head (20) are fixedly and unchangeably positioned.

11. The tube as claimed in one of claims 9 and 10,  
characterized in that the angle  $\alpha$  of the binocular head  
(20) between the horizontal and the ocular optical path  
35 can be fixedly preset to, preferably, between  $7.5^\circ$  and  
 $20.0^\circ$ .

12. The tube as claimed in one of claims 1 and 11, characterized in that a holding element (22) is provided on which the deflection device (15) and the deflection mirror (18) are mounted.

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13. The tube as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the deflection element (15) is a prism.

14. The tube as claimed in one of claims 12 and 13, 10 characterized in that the holding element (22) is surrounded by a housing consisting of a lower housing part (23) and an upper housing part (24).

15. The tube as claimed in claim 12, characterized 15 in that the upper housing part (24) has a recess (25) into which a mounting part (26) for the binocular head (20) can be inserted.

16. The tube as claimed in claim 12, characterized 20 in that the binocular head (20) as well as the single tube-lens system (11) are attached in or on the holding element (22).

17. The tube as claimed in one of claims 1 to 16, 25 characterized in that the distance between the deflection element (15) and the deflection mirror (18) lies in the range of between 0.125 times and 0.150 times the focal distance of the single tube-lens system (11).